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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOOLING AND METALWORKING IOGA TRADE MISSION

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1. POST WELCOMES PROPOSED TRADE MISSION AND WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MISSION DURING SUGGESTED TIME FRAME. AS TM MEMBERS' TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ALLOWS FOR ONE WEEK VISIT IN ROC, POST CAN ALSO ARRANGE FOR ONE DAY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH LEADING BUSINESSMEN IN KAOHSIUNG, THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF THE ISLAND. DETAILS FOR KAOHSIUNG VISIT CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH ADVANCEMAN.

2. MACHINE TOOLS AND MACHINERY MANUFACTURING IS A STRONG AND FAST GROWING INDUSTRY SECTOR IN ROC. IN 1975, TAIWAN EXPORTED US\$369 MILLION WORTH OF MACHINERY AND MACHINE TOOLS. THIS FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO REACH US\$1 BILLION BY 1980. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THIS INDUSTRY, ROC MANUFACTURERS IMPORTED US\$1,057 MILLION WORTH OF MACHINERY AND MACHINE TOOLS IN 1975. MAIN SUPPLIERS OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED ITEMS ARE JAPAN, U.S. AND EEC COUNTRIES.

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